THINGS IN GENERAL Canadian Candy, Successful Worker, Strange Brutality and Other Things

Canada reports exports of candy amounting to \$30,097,979 in eleven months, as compared with \$2,645,479 in the twelve months preceding. Some one in Canada is thinking more about sugar for Canadians than about selfdetermination for Mesopotamia.

The Canadians bought more than one-seventh of the last total Cuban sugar crop, and will get more of the next crop. We might send a commission to learn how the Canadian government finds time to think about the natives.

President Wilson accuses the Republican Congress of doing nothing, and that describes it, except that the Republicans obliged the country by saving it from the Peace League idiocy.

It was not a Republican Congress, however, that failed to secure the Cuban sugar crop and 12-CENT SUGAR for the United States.

Would it not be a good idea for the President of the United States, this time and always, before a Presidential election to say: "All Cabinet members running for the Presidency, openly or secretly, please resign and come back after the nominations and the fund raising?"

The people ought to know which of their employes are working for the people and which for the Presidency.

Morgan Watkins, working as a mason fifteen years ago, is now professor of French at the University of South Wales.

Huxley helped a British dock laborer to buy a microscope and learn how to use it. That laborer became a valuable scientific worker. Many good brains are under rough caps. Workers will observe, however, that the men mentioned, and others that succeeded, did not concentrate on the problem, "How little work can I do for my pay and still get it."

During the war you read about German "Huns" cutting off the hands of children, etc. Northcliffe, of the London Times, who probably knows, has declared these stories of the war and other stories of men crucified alive by the Germans to be false.

There is, however, in the brutal human mind, and here in America, a capacity for cruelty inconceivable and unbelievable. An actor is sent to jail for cruelly beating and maining his daughter year after year. A woman, middle aged, is found "taking care" of a baby while its mother worked. This "foster mother" is accused of breaking both arms and both thighs of the unhappy infant.

Being no longer supplied with the favorite mental food, "Hun brutality," that pleased us for some years, we might now examine our own home-made brand of brutality, including burning men alive and the legal whipping of convicts in prison camps to get from them the last fragment of horse-

More Russian victories reported, while the nations in Europe ask themselves: "Shall we recognize realize what taxes it means if the that makes up the personality and I am going to keep a list of all ex-Russia?" If they wait too long, their next question may be: "Will Russia recognize us?" The English, that look ahead, are first and most energetic in negotiating with Russia, not alize that a little ready money in liking Russia's speedy traveling toward the capital of but the Government has to get the Persia, now British.

The French, naturally, hold out against Bolshevism, for every other French peasant and business man owns Russian abroad, and then we give it back bonds that Bolshevism has repudiated. Before the war be- of this absurd bonus. We ought to gan thousands of millions of those bonds had been bought be enough patriots to fight for our country, which has sheltered, pro-

Some of our foolish financiers, tempted by "respectable think we ought to get for merely financial graft," bought a few millions of the same bonds. Even as small a purchase as ours seems to make considerable difference. This Republic is still mourning for the Czar.

The business men of this country should wake up and notice the interest and the character of the Belgian loan and some other loans that are being floated. They allow foreign countries to raise the interest rate in this country to ten and a half per cent for the first year, with a be brought under one system and unlottery feature added that might give the investor twenty- have a better and cheaper insurance five per cent the first year. Business men will find it more and it would help to strengthen the difficult to borrow for American purposes and American citizen and his Government. development within the limit set by the usury laws.

Already those limits are being cheerfully disregarded. The Federal reserve charges seven per cent, which is wrong. There was a time when any kind of interest was looked upon as shameful.

'Thou shalt not lend on usury to thy brother,' says the Bible. And by "usury" was meant ANY rate of interest, of sixty-one, retirement age, high or low.

According to the laws of the Old Testament, no Jew could lend to another Jew and charge him interest on the money, although a layman reading the Bible gets the impression that usury might be permitted in dealing with men who will not save a dollar, but strangers. See Deuteronomy, twenty-third chapter, twenti- with this plan they would be forced eth verse: "Unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; something like the one I am speaking

but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury." The Catholic Church struggled for years to prevent any lending of money at interest; excommunication was the Favors System That Will punishment.

The world has got well over that; industry and business probably are the gainers. They will NOT be the gainers if To the Editor of THE TIMES: foreign governments make usury combined with lotteries popular in this Government and encourage financiers, easily earth under our feet; force, the enpersuaded, to believe that ten per cent and better is the etc.; intelligence, the directing thinkright price to charge for money. This is the time for American business men to fight usury and LOTTERY BONDS.

You are told to "prepare for a shortage in the supply of crude oil and gasoline, also to prepare for (Continued at Bottom of Last Column.)

They All Fall For It

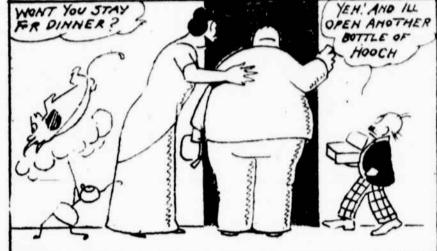


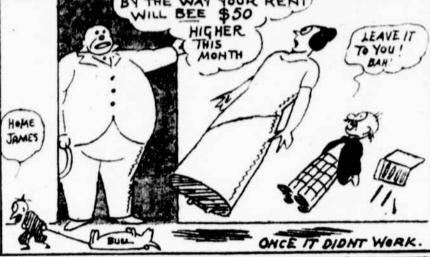
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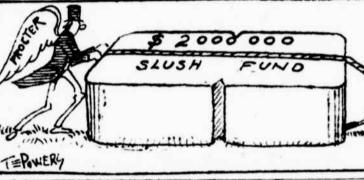
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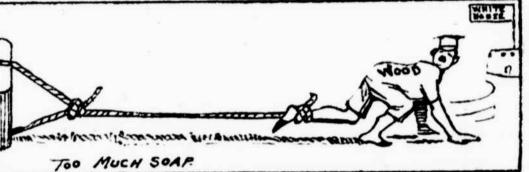












Letters From the Public to the Editor

To the Editor of THE TIMES: bonus is granted? It means a 15 per remember at the present time. I rethe hand will make one feel richer. money somewhere and it will come right out of our pockets in taxes Remember we get the bonus, and I say "we," for I have seen service again in taxes. Let us hear no more bling over a sum of money which we doing our duty to country and home I am a parlot not a profiteer.

J. A. O'DONNELL, Captain, 114th Field Artillery, American Expeditionary Forces.

An Insurance Plan.

To the Editor of The Times: We have many independent pen ions with corporations, brotherhoods old age homes and homes kept up by churches, asylums, etc., many o which are graft nests. If these could der Government control, we could would help to strengthen the

I would suggest a pension on the following basis. Take a man when he comes of age, twenty-one, and pays insurance until he is sixty-one To get \$40 per month insurance you pay \$1 per month. To get \$60 per month insurance

you pay \$2 per month. To get \$75 per month insurance. ou pay \$3 per month. When a man has reached the ag

would have this insurance regularly every month, which would enable him to be independent and board with relatives or friends. It is hard to put by a dollar today

for old age, or disability, whereas all men could take out this insurance and not feel it financially. There are to save. Other countries have plans of, and are successful, so why can we not have the same? JACOB CORL,

Mt. Ida, Alexandria, Va.

Insure Good Education to Each Individual

In a recent editorial you say: inherited three things: Matter, the ergy of lightning, steam, magnetism, ing power, without which the other

In the Today Column you say: "Uneducated men rarely accept a new thought after twenty-five. Beyond with difficulty. That makes mobs

The Caucasian infant does not in-

inherit is a large and plastic brain | rest of us do need it badly, and if | power was taking all they could get Do these very soldiers who are to be written on as a sheet of paper. there are any who do not want it from them. The orgy for spending leard to clamor loudest for the bonus. It is what is written on this brain they will not be forced to accept it. the race. It is because we have not now how long my list will be. They the protest and many other taxes which I do not properly recognized this fact that we remind me of the dog in the manger have unrest and anarchy in the land. who did not want the hay and who We need a new creed-one that will would not let the cow have it. Now, insure a good education to each in-

proper place in nature. H. H. SWEARINGEN.

Government Spending Millions, Yet Soldiers Beg For Bonus. the Editor of THE TIMES

I don't know much about politics. 'm only a housewife and a mother of two children. However, I can't ex etly figure this out. Something like forty or fifty million dollars is being spent by the Government to enforce rohibition in the United States; the Department of Agriculture is spendng millions in caring for the health and welfare of chickens, cows, sheep and hogs, while the poor, ex-soldier and Government clerks are actually begging for a measly bonus.

MRS. DOTTIE M. EBERT.

Needs Bonus and Wants It.

the Editor of THE TIMES: I want to thank "Overseas Girl" for fine admiration of us, and her

the usefulness of the individual to Yanks who do refuse it. I can guess boys, if you do not want a bonus just dividual, and instruction as to his refuse to take it when it is (if ever) offered to you, but please stop trying to keep me from getting it. I need i badly, and there are plenty more like me. Breckenridge got wore in one week than I got in a month, and he never had to sleep upon the ground like I did, either, but yet he is trying to stop the bonus because he does not need it. EDWIN C. GEORGE.

Dislikes Chamber of Commerce Attitude on Bonus.

To the Editor of THE TIMES:
The action of the United States Chamber Committee against the bonus for service men is a great injustice to them and also to their families. The United States banner before the world with the words We are the wealthiest nation in the world," does not hold true when it is asked to give a bonus to the men who defended the nation. The money power in the United States did not consider what kind of an orgy would take place when the United States called men for military service. The injustice under which many of the elcome appeal for the ex-soldier's service men's families had to live It is too bad army officers has been published many times in sep knocking the proposed bonus newspapers. While these men were imply because they do not ned it. The defending the nation, the money

mandate, why did he pick on Armenia, the nomination for President, but our when he might have swung one on guess is that he will be where it the profiteers.-New York Sun and can find him on the first ballot if

As a space consumer the Sims-Dan-

The military authorities made a mistake of er for the Bergdoll keepers .-Norfolk Virginian-

Babe Ruth has the call over all prodigies. - Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Maybe the reason they say Marshall and Jefferson are alike is because both have the same first (Ind.) Journal.

name.-Evansville Danish companies have bought 1,000,000 tons of American coal-News Item.

necessary-Evansville (Ind.) Journal. "FOR LO! THE WINTER IS PAST-Still, maybe So-AND THE VOICE OF THE FARM- loist Wilson will ER IS HEARD IN OUR LAND." let the convention

chorus.-Manches-

The most conabout economy in Congress is the ville (S. C.) Piedmont.

ter Union.

What is the good of working when you can make more than \$1,000 by catching an escaped convict? - Boston Globe.

The weather man has done more than Palmer to lower prices .-Baltimore Ameri-

(The Song of Solomon up to date, from can. Senator Lodge will sound the key-Schley-Sampson affair. Philadelphia tomary signal for beginning the gen-

the men from getting the bonus. The tax on war profits is responsible for of the money power

against the bonus. The money power in the United States is the greatest menace the people have to fight. We do not get a protest of how war decreased human life. I think the service men and their families will know how need advice from the stay-at-home army.

Rental Based on Percentage Return. To the Editor of THE TIMES

Now that the District Appellate Court has declared the Ball rent law unconstitutional, why not appoint appraisers to appraise property at the present high valuations, then allow a 6 per cent, return on the investment? If more is demanded it is a case of profiteering the same as in any other line of business. The business man invests. The man investing in real estate for renting purposes does the same thing. Then why should he more than he was willing to accept when he put his money in the investment? I guess it is the old answer, "just because I can. EDWARD R. BENADE

Noisy Congressmen In Camps Now Fighting Bonus. o the Editor of THE TIMES:

Some of our great Congressmen and a number of other officials and wealthy men came to our camps and got red in the face yelling at the top of their voices, "You great soldiers of ours!" You heroes! You brave Americans! We will never forget you. The country will be yours when return victorious!" went across and fought. I wear six stars and a wound

chevron. The men came home again (Some of them). Some of the bes America ever had are lying under the ground-in France Those great men who would get

noisy at our camps are now fighting against "their heroes and their soldiers, who were never to be forgotten. Simply because they returned home cripples or so unhealthy that they will never be of any use any more, and are trying to small farm or a few hundred dollars to start life in a new way. A VOLUNTEER.

Tit For Tat the Bonus. To the Editor of THE TIMES:

As the present lawmakers did drafting, they should be the ones pass the bonus bill, and not leave i to newcomers. The general public was satisfied

when the conscription bill was passed They rushed off to their jobs and high wages, while the drafted man hike off to the wineless, loveless under taking without his own consen-When the lawmakers are trying to pass a bill beneficial to these men i is all wrong. Such is human nature Such is life! When the soldiers bough bonds they said we are banking ou wealth-such as it is.
A. STEVERS.

Washington's Growth as a **Business Center**

By BILL PRICE.

Washington as a national banking and business center, as the headquarters of huge national organizations and of large business establishments, is confidently predicted by far-seeing men of this city. The next ten years will surely result in a wonderful expansion of this city, and the lines along which this expansion will take place will be watched with deep interest by the community.

This letter from Mr. H. C. KENNEDY, of this city, furnishes a bright view of the future of the District:

A member of Congress has publicly proclaimed his opposition to Washington becoming a commercial city.

There is not a chance that we will ever be a manufacturing

my in the sense that Detroit, Chicago and Pittsburgh are. Here's the reason: No production engineer would locate his factory here because he would face competition from the Government for his labor.

But that applies only to certain kind of labor. What we want and are getting is establishments that employ high class skilled artisans like watchmakers, etc., and more particularly we want headquarters of sales organizations, head offices of big fraternal outfits, banks, etc., etc. Publicity bureaus thrive in this environment. Likewise is this an ideal place to plant

selling headquarters. Within 200 miles there is a dense population. Wealth is pretty well distributed, which means large purchasing power. Further the consumption per capita of every kind of salable merchandise, as well as good investments, is likely larger than any group of any five States, omitting New York, Pennsyl-

vania, Illinois and Ohio. Washington is destined to be a very wonderful city. The employment of many high class women and men is assured outside of the Government service.

The Congressman's fears that Washington might wake up some day and find the blue sky hid by a pall of smoke from beliching factory stacks is groundless. There is not a chance that any one will locate here and compete with the Govern-ment for medium priced labor.

There is a great field here for light manufacturing, in which skilled and unskilled workers may be used, with electricity as the motive power. As the writer of the foregoing points out, there is great wealth in the District and in the surrounding States. The opportunities here for business men are manifold, and it is surprising that they have been overlooked. Washington is the gateway to the wonderful South, and we have unsurpassed railroad connections.

Just the other day the National Board of Farm Organizations, comprising memberships of millions of farmers, definitely decided to build in this city a Temple of Agriculture, long the aim of progressive farmers. It will cost millions of dollars and will make Washington the headquarters of American agriculture. The United States Chamber of Commerce will soon begin construction of the great building that establishes this city as the national headquarters of American business. And every day headquarters of giant-organizations are being moved here.

HEARD AND

TRAVAILS OF POETS.

lif you was a bard, Bill, a bleary eyed thing, With a battered old lyre as had only one And I was a munical sultan or king,

The orgy for spending To grind out a verse as 'ud do for the line; the means of preventing Shoot it in read the column for eight days And find it all prose: But what I started to say was:

> the neck. Leave it to the jury, here's what I heard "Keep your job, we'll marry my bonus check."

What is it a woman hasn't, can' get and yet can present to another?

A newspaper headline tells me that a lady has learned the language of frogs. I suggest that she try to unravel the language MILO H. of F street lizards.

An admirer writes that ALBERT LYNN, of Petworth, is the real jazz king of Washington.

There was a lady named Banker Who slept on a sloop while at anchor. She awoke in dismay When she heard the mate say: Raise the main sheet and spanker.
HENRY F. SMITH.

FOR BIG MATH SHARKS. Will you hand this one to your

math sharks? It was given in an Annapolis examination and it seems to be a sticker. I quote it exactly as given in the exam: If there had been five more in a party and each had paid a dollar

more, their total bill would have been \$102. If there had been two fewer in the party and each had paid a dollar less, the bill would have been only \$40. How many in the party and what did each ay? It caught my teacher. R. L. W.

A MOVIE PUZZLE

Will someone explain, through

your column, why, in the moving pictures, wheels on all vehicles appear to be turning backward while the vehicles themselves are W. E. TAYLOR.

G. H. McCarthy quotes this conversation between Adam and Eve:
Adam—"It's raining dear."

Eve-"I don't care Adam if it is. This sort of inquiry often reaches H and S: "Who is the pretty black-Spoon Lunch-is always folly and smiling? Does she want to meet a good fellow?" Yet we tell 'em right along that this is no flirtation col-

Will H and S dictionary bugs tell me the longest word with two

GEORGE JACKSON

Here are two old conundrums: -Who was the first chiropodist 2-Who was Noah's wife;

Try 'em with this: A man di vided a sum of money among his three sons. To his eidest he gave one-half plus one-fourth as much as the second son received. To his second he gave one-half the remainder plus one-half third son received. To his third he gave the balance, \$200. much did he have and how much did each receive?
W. D. PAYNE.

E. M. S. remarks that a noble birth is one thing and a soft political berth is another.

We desire to commend Conductor No. 405, of the Chevy Chase line, for courtesies and politeness to all. BOB and GERTIE.

HE "BEANED" GOLIATH.

From this problem, recently sub-mitted by W. T., you get the name of the chap whe "beaned" Geliath; the middle is seen; the first of all let ters and the first of all figures hav taken their places between.

Do it this way: 500 is D; first 900

ter is A; 5 is V; 1 is the first figure

If an old lady has auto-intended tion, will prohibition laws "jug" her MILO H.

THINGS IN GENERAL

(Continued From First Column.)

higher prices." And you are supposed to believe that this

Then you read the report of the Vacuum Oil Company, one of the Standard Oil group, a baby company with a capitalization of fifteen million dollars.

Last year it earned \$8,112,777. The year before it earned just about half that amount. When a Standard Oil bally earns twenty-five cents on the dollar ONE year, and fifty cents on the dollar the NEXT year, and starts out manfully to make it seventy-five in the coming year, you know something about increased prices that has nothing to do with

Not scarcity of OIL, but scarcity of efficient government

alleged "scarcity" accounts for the higher price.

to prevent public:robbery, explains the high prices.